Expansion of National Highways

1892. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increasing pressure on roads network, there is need to give priority to the development of road network; and

(b) if so the proposed targets for the expansion and development of National Highways alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have recently approved guidelines for taking up projects under Build, Operate and Transfer basis in private sector. The major thrust for the development of National Highways during the Ninth Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised will be for four laning of the four main corridors linking Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay and the roads leading to major ports. Financially viable and bankable sections would be taken up under said scheme and the remaining through the budgetary resources.

Fire Fighting Equipments in Ports

1893. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ports in the country are well equipped with fire fighting equipments;

(b) whether they are in working condition; if so, the details thereof;

(c) when they were inspected last, port-wise details thereof;

(d) whether the port workers are qualified to handle the dangerous and highly inflammable materials; and

(e) the steps taken to provide training to the workers for fire fighting?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All the ports have got a system of periodical checking of fire fighting equipments on weekly/monthly basis.

(d) Yes, Sir. The port workers are qualified to handle dangerous and inflammable materials.

(e) Trained fire service personnel are available for fire fighting in the ports. Besides, on the job training is also given to fire fighting personnel periodically.

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1894. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सड़क परिवहन निगम (यू० पी० एस० आर० टी० सी०) द्वारा सुल्तानपुर जिले में कूरेभार स्थित टिकट बुकिंग काउन्टर को बन्द करने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) उक्त बुकिंग काउन्टर को पुनः कब तक खोल दिये जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) कूरेभार में किन-किन श्रेणियों की बसों का स्टॉप है;

(घ) बसों के स्टॉप के संबंध में निर्णय करने का मापदण्ड क्या है; और

(ङ) सभी श्रेणियों की बसों के लिये स्टॉप बनाये जाने को कब तक सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और राज्य सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।